

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the March 8, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 4 being independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled, and Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephone interview conducted on June 3, 2005. During that interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the amendments made herein would overcome the outstanding rejection (discussed below).

Claims 1 to 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,481,434 (Janutka). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to one feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1 and 5, a regenerative means including a MOSFET is connected between the gate terminal and the high potential side of the direct current power source.

Janutka is not seen to teach or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

Janutka's stated purpose is to facilitate faster FET turn-off. See col. 1, lines 6 to 8 and 35 to 37 of Janutka. According to Janutka, this purpose is achieved by using regenerative switch means 12 comprising bipolar PNP transistor 14 and bipolar NPN transistor 16. See col. 1, lines 65 to 67, and col. 2, lines 29 to 37 of Janutka.

Applicant submits that Janutka's circuit would be rendered unsatisfactory for its intended purpose of facilitating faster FET turn-off if the circuit were modified such that the regenerative switch means 12 includes a MOSFET and is connected between the gate terminal and the high potential side. As such, it is respectfully submitted that there is no suggestion or motivation to so modify Janutka. See MPEP § 2143.01.

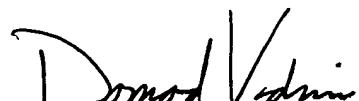
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith. Consideration of the document cited therein is respectfully requested. It is further requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Letter Submitting Corrected Form PTO-1449 dated April 1, 2005.

No other matters being raised, the application is believed to be fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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